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GLENDALE OFFERS BEHIND-THE- SCENES LOOK AT CITY GOVERNMENT

Applicants for 2015 Glendale University Classes Sought

Glendale, Ariz. – Glendale University 101, a 10-session program sponsored by Cox Communications which offers a behind-the-scenes look at how city government works, is now accepting applications through Friday, Feb. 20 to attend classes that begin Wednesday, Mar. 4.

Glendale residents and those who own businesses in the city can sign up for Glendale University (GU) 101 to learn more about city government directly from the mayor, council members, city manager and top city staff. In the 19 years since the program was started, more than 930 people have attended.

The program's continued popularity is credited to the one-on-one interactions among attendees and the core curriculum that focuses on everything from the city courts to utilities.

"Glendale University is a unique opportunity to meet the city's decision makers and talk about everyone's role in our local democracy," said organizer Kathy Curley of Glendale's Community Services Department.

GU 101 classes are held 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays, beginning Mar. 4 and running through May 6. The series kicks-off with a night of getting to know your Mayor and Councilmembers. Subsequent sessions cover the inner workings of a variety of city services, including public safety, city court, public works, community services, finance and budget and much more.

The classes, which are free, are limited in size to encourage interaction between attendees and the elected officials and city staff who teach each unit.

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To participate in GU 101, you must be 16 or older, a resident of Glendale or own a business in Glendale. Attendees who complete eight of the ten GU 101 classes and attend a City Council meeting will be honored on the final night, May 6, at the graduation ceremony.

The deadline for registering for Glendale University 101 is Feb. 20. Call Gwen Benoit for an application at 623-930-3554, or visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/education/>.

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